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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1864

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SUBJECT: Cancer Registry.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill allows the State Department of Health to enter into a contract for the collection, analysis, and research of epidemiologic data compiled for the Cancer Registry. Beginning July 1, 2002, the bill requires the State Department of Health to publish and make available to the public an annual report summarizing the information collected during the previous calendar year.

The bill requires severe disabilities that are recognized in a child after birth and before the child becomes four years of age to be reported to the Birth Problems Registry. The bill also requires the State Department of Health and the Indiana University School of Public Health to conduct an assessment of the Cancer Registry and the Birth Problems Registry.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Cancer Registry:* This bill allows the Department of Health to contract for the operation of the Cancer Registry. The Commissioner of the State Department of Health already has the authority to enter into contracts necessary to conduct the business of the Department. Therefore, no fiscal impact is anticipated for this provision of the bill.

The bill further requires the Department to publish, by July 1 of each year, an annual report based on information collected during the previous calendar year. The first annual report is not required until July 1, 2002. This provision will require a revision of the Department's administrative rules concerning the length of time providers are allowed to complete required reports and may impact information that is currently required to be initially reported. The fiscal impact of the actual rule revision should be minimal. The associated cost should be absorbed within the Department's current level of funding.

Background: The Department of Health's administrative rules (410 IAC 21-1-6) currently require the Cancer

Registry to produce a comprehensive annual report. This report is based on a calendar year and currently requires nearly a year to complete. The length of time necessary to produce the report is partially a function of the fact that the entities required to report data have six months to report confirmed diagnoses. This time frame is allowed so that the hospitals can collect the detailed data requested for the initial report. The registry may need to revise the information required on the initial reports in order to meet the timing requirements required by this bill.

Birth Problems Registry: The bill also provides a more specific definition of birth problems that are required to be entered in the Birth Problems Registry. The definition adds "other severe disabilities that are recognized in a child after birth, but before the child is four years of age". (*Current language does not include an upper age limit.*) This definition may be useful in developing incidence data on conditions with later onset, such as autism.

The Department reports that the source of the data entered in the Birth Problems Registry is the electronic birth certificate submitted to the Department. The Birth Problems Registry has no other mechanism in place for collecting information regarding later onset problems. The Department estimates that \$210,000 will be required to develop the software necessary to collect and edit the data for the Birth Problems Registry: \$140,000 in FY 2002 and \$70,000 in FY 2003. An additional \$275,000 is included in the cost estimate for publicizing the reporting requirement for the inclusion of older children in the Birth Problems Registry. Additionally four new staff positions are indicated to be necessary for the operation of the expanded data base function. Staff cost is estimated to be \$147,817 with an additional \$20,536 for other operating expenses required in FY 2002. If a 4% salary increase is assumed for the second year, staff costs are estimated to be \$152,765 with an additional \$14,536 in other operating expenses required for FY 2003. The additional costs for the Birth Problems Registry are summarized in the table shown below.

Birth Problems Registry Cost Estimates		
Cost Provision	FY 2002	FY 2003
Staff and Associated Costs	\$ 168,353	\$ 167,301
Marketing & Publicity	200,000	75,000
Software Development	140,000	70,000
Evaluation of Data Base	100,000	-
Total Cost - Birth Problems Registry	\$ 608,353	\$ 312,301

Assessment: The bill also requires the Department to undertake an assessment of the "completeness, timeliness, and accuracy" of the data in both the Cancer Registry and the Birth Problems Registry. The assessment is required to include public meetings and opportunity for public comment. The Department has estimated the cost for this assessment to be \$100,000 to \$300,000 per assessment for each of the data bases. Total cost for FY 2001 is estimated to range between \$200,000 to \$600,000.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Department of Health, Cancer Registry.

Local Agencies Affected: County-owned Hospitals.

Information Sources: 410 IAC 21-1, Martha Graves, Director, Cancer Registry, (317) 233-7424. Marilyn Cage, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Health, (317)-233-2170.